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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

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Examiner

Thien M. Le

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If the period for reply specified above is less than thirty (30) days, a reply within the statutory minimum of thirty (30) days will be considered timely.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 06 April 2003.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 4 and 6 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 4 and 6 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____
- ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____
- ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

The response filed on 4/6/2003 has been entered. Claims 1-3 and 5 has been canceled. Claims 4 and 6 are presented for examination.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claims 4 and 6 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by The Disclosure of an article entitled: Reprographics Record Keeping Machinery and Process (NN 75112017 - IBM Technical Disclosure Bulletin – herein after referred as “the 017 document”).

Regarding claims 4 and 6, the '017 document discloses a use-payments system for economically facilitating photocopy copyright royalty payments, utilizes a preprinted bar code on the copied item and a bar code on the copier machine that is reproduced along with the pre-printed bar code, on the photocopy produced. An extra photocopy would be made of the item bearing the preprinted bar code for utilization by automatic data processing machines, which would create debit and credit records by publishers and users.

According to the '017 document, the typical application of this system would involve journal articles. Specifically, an appropriate bar code would be applied to the first page of each article printed in a journal (or each chapter of a book or each work in a composite work), which bar code would not only identify the publisher but also the particular article.

- a. Each photocopying machine would be modified to reproduce a bar code which would identify the particular user through his copier.
- b. The bar code could be reproduced in the same manner that the identity of the particular copier is reproduced by certain copiers.
- c. An appropriate bar code is described in the article "The Characteristics and Decodability of the Universal Product Code Symbol" by Savir and Laurer, pp 16-34 of the IBM Systems Journal, Vol 14/#1/75. See also "Bar Codes for Data Entry", by E. K. Yasaki, pp 63-68 Datamation, Vol 21/#5, May 1975.

In operation, the user when reproducing an article would also reproduce an extra copy of the first page of the article. Since the copier would automatically introduce the user's bar code on each reproduction, the bar code of the journal publisher as well as that of the user would appear on the first page of the extra copy which was made. Periodically, the extra copies would be collected and shipped to a central processing location which could, through the use of computers having state of the art bar code sensing devices attached thereto, automatically calculate and allocate the payment to

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be made to each publisher by a user. The computer would have stored therein the publishing copying rates, or the royalty could be incorporated in the publisher's bar code. Provision could also be made for the user to record the number of sheets copied.

As can be seen, the '017 document discloses the same solutions and the same invention as claimed and as disclosed in the specification.

Conclusion

THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL. Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of this final action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Thien M. Le whose telephone number is (571) 272-2396. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Friday from 7:30am - 4:00pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Michael G. Lee can be reached on (571) 272-2398. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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